

Claim 14. (Twice Amended) A carbohydrate nutritional supplement for restoring a mammal's fluid, electrolyte and carbohydrate balance during exercise and subsequent recovery comprising:

$\beta^2$  an aqueous solution comprising at least one lactic acid salt as a [primary] nutritional component of said solution in an amount sufficient to beneficially affect the mammal's fluid, electrolyte or carbohydrate balance during exercise and/or subsequent recovery, wherein said solution comprises:

a) at least one inorganic lactic acid salt wherein the inorganic lactic acid salts are in a final solution concentration of up to approximately 0.2 weight percent; and

b) at least one organic lactic acid salt, wherein the organic lactic acid salts are in a final solution concentration of from approximately 0.36 to 9.8 weight percent.

In claim 17, on line 1, replace [claim 15] with --claim 14--.

Please cancel Claims 15, 16 and 27.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The phrase "as a primary nutritional component of said solution" was viewed as unclear with respect to whether its limiting effect was qualitative or quantitative.

This rejection is believed avoided in newly amended claims 1 and 14, which no longer state the term "primary". Applicant has instead incorporated functional descriptors -- "carbohydrate" nutrient ...